Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2014

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 15, 2014, there were 552,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2014, an increase of 600 from February 2014 and 4,500 more than the number employed in March 2013.

Agricultural employment was 41,000 persons in March 2014, up 300 from the February 2014 level but 500 less than the March 2013 agricultural employment level of 41,500. Non-agricultural employment was 511,200 persons in March 2014. This is an increase of 300 from the February 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 510,900 and 5,000 more than March 2013.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2014 was 4.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the February 2014 rate of 3.8 percent and 0.6 percentage points higher than the March 2013 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 5,500 to 578,800 persons in March 2014 from 573,300 persons in February 2014. This is 8,300 more than the March 2013 labour force of 570,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.6 percentage points to 69.1 percent in March 2014 from 68.5 percent in February 2014. The March 2013 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.5 percent.

There were 26,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2014. This is an increase of 4,900 from February 2014 and is 3,800 more than the number unemployed in March 2013.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 558,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2014, up 400 from the February 2014 level of 557,900 and up 4,000 from the March 2013 employment level of 554,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2014 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the February 2014 rate of 3.9 percent and also 0.6 percentage points higher than the March 2013 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 44,000 persons in March 2014 to 17,548,000 persons from 17,504,000 persons in February 2014. In March 2013, there were 17,348,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent in March 2014, unchanged from the February 2014 level. In March 2013, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.9 percent in March 2014. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than February 2014 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the March 2013 level of 7.3 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,941.9	18,894.1	18,802.7	47.8	139.2
Employed ('000)	17,548.0	17,504.0	17,348.3	44.0	199.7
Full-Time ('000)	14,037.3	13,982.5	13,889.0	54.8	148.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,510.7	3,521.5	3,459.3	-10.8	51.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,393.9	1,390.1	1,454.4	3.8	-60.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.4	7.7	0.0	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.9	7.0	7.3	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	65.4	65.9	0.1	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	578.8	573.3	570.5	5.5	8.3
Employed ('000)	552.2	551.6	547.7	0.6	4.5
Full-Time ('000)	445.7	453.4	445.4	-7.7	0.3
Part-Time ('000)	106.6	98.2	102.3	8.4	4.3
Unemployed ('000)	26.6	21.7	22.8	4.9	3.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	3.8	4.0	0.8	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	3.9	3.9	0.6	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.5	69.5	0.6	-0.4
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Labour Force ('000)	2,351.2	2,342.4	2,257.6	8.8	93.6
Employed ('000)	2,233.6	2,241.4	2,146.8	-7.8	86.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,859.7	1,859.2	1,807.9	0.5	51.8
Part-Time ('000)	373.9	382.2	338.9	-8.3	35.0
Unemployed ('000)	117.5	101.0	110.8	16.5	6.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.3	4.9	0.7	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.3	4.9	0.6	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	72.4	72.0	0.1	0.5
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Labour Force ('000)	658.9	660.3	663.1	-1.4	-4.2
Employed ('000)	621.8	623.6	629.5	-1.8	-7.7
Full-Time ('000)	496.4	494.4	496.8	2.0	-0.4
Part-Time ('000)	125.4	129.2	132.7	-3.8	-7.3
Unemployed ('000)	37.0	36.7	33.6	0.3	3.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	5.1	0.0	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.3	5.1	0.4	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	67.3	68.4	-0.2	-1.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	578.8	573.3	570.5	5.5	8.3
Male	314.0	311.7	305.7	2.3	8.3
Female	264.8	261.7	264.8	3.1	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	87.2	87.0	89.8	0.2	-2.6
25+ Years of age	491.6	486.4	480.7	5.2	10.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	552.2	551.6	547.7	0.6	4.5
Male	299.7	298.8	292.6	0.9	7.1
Female	252.5	252.9	255.1	-0.4	-2.6
15-24 Years of Age	78.8	79.4	81.6	-0.6	-2.8
25+ Years of age	473.4	472.3	466.2	1.1	7.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	26.6	21.7	22.8	4.9	3.8
Male	14.3	12.9	13.1	1.4	1.2
Female	12.2	8.8	9.7	3.4	2.5
15-24 Years of Age	8.4	7.6	8.3	0.8	0.1
25+ Years of age	18.1	14.1	14.5	4.0	3.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.6	3.8	4.0	0.8	0.6
Male	4.6	4.1	4.3	0.5	0.3
Female	4.6	3.4	3.7	1.2	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	9.6	8.7	9.2	0.9	0.4
25+ Years of age	3.7	2.9	3.0	0.8	0.7
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.1	68.5	69.5	0.6	-0.4
Male	75.0	74.6	74.9	0.4	0.1
Female	63.1	62.5	64.2	0.6	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	63.8	63.7	65.7	0.1	-1.9
25+ Years of age	70.1	69.5	70.3	0.6	-0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	41.0	40.7	41.5	0.3	-0.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.1	26.3	24.6	-0.2	1.5
Utilities	7.4	6.5	5.0	0.9	2.4
Construction	46.7	45.7	45.9	1.0	0.8
Manufacturing	28.5	26.7	26.9	1.8	1.6
Trade	81.9	81.7	84.5	0.2	-2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	28.6	29.7	25.7	-1.1	2.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.8	29.7	28.4	1.1	2.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.3	28.8	27.5	-0.5	0.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.4	11.7	10.9	-0.3	0.5
Educational Services	45.8	46.3	48.0	-0.5	-2.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	72.4	72.4	74.2	0.0	-1.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.9	19.0	17.3	-0.1	1.6
Accommodation and Food Services	33.0	34.3	30.9	-1.3	2.1
Other Services	21.7	23.6	27.2	-1.9	-5.5
Public Administration	29.8	28.3	29.2	1.5	0.6
Total	552.2	551.6	547.7	0.6	4.5
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	445.7	453.4	445.4	-7.7	0.3
Part-Time	106.6	98.2	102.3	8.4	4.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	447.1	448.0	438.1	-0.9	9.0
Public Sector	136.2	136.1	142.4	0.1	-6.2
Private Sector	310.9	311.9	295.7	-1.0	15.2
Self-Employed	105.2	103.7	109.7	1.5	-4.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,548.0	17,504.0	17,348.3	44.0	199.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	222.0	222.6	224.6	-0.6	-2.6
Prince Edward Island	69.7	70.1	70.7	-0.4	-1.0
Nova Scotia	433.9	437.2	442.9	-3.3	-9.0
New Brunswick	344.7	341.4	338.1	3.3	6.6
Quebec	3,964.1	3,935.7	3,929.9	28.4	34.2
Ontario	6,803.9	6,801.2	6,740.8	2.7	63.1
Manitoba	621.8	623.6	629.5	-1.8	-7.7
Saskatchewan	552.2	551.6	547.7	0.6	4.5
Alberta	2,233.6	2,241.4	2,146.8	-7.8	86.8
British Columbia	2,302.1	2,279.3	2,277.3	22.8	24.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.4	7.4	7.7	0.0	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.1	13.1	14.0	0.0	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	14.4	13.7	14.1	0.7	0.3
Nova Scotia	10.1	9.7	10.3	0.4	-0.2
New Brunswick	11.0	11.0	12.1	0.0	-1.1
Quebec	8.6	8.8	8.7	-0.2	-0.1
Ontario	7.6	7.5	8.0	0.1	-0.4
Manitoba	5.6	5.6	5.1	0.0	0.5
Saskatchewan	4.6	3.8	4.0	0.8	0.6
Alberta	5.0	4.3	4.9	0.7	0.1
British Columbia	5.8	6.7	7.3	-0.9	-1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,833.2	17,790.3	17,643.2	42.9	190.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.8	232.5	234.9	-0.7	-3.1
Prince Edward Island	74.1	74.7	75.0	-0.6	-0.9
Nova Scotia	447.3	450.7	456.4	-3.4	-9.1
New Brunswick	356.3	353.1	350.7	3.2	5.6
Quebec	4,047.8	4,032.7	4,016.4	15.1	31.4
Ontario	6,902.3	6,888.9	6,841.8	13.4	60.5
Manitoba	629.3	631.4	637.6	-2.1	-8.3
Saskatchewan	558.3	557.9	554.3	0.4	4.0
Alberta	2,261.2	2,262.1	2,174.6	-0.9	86.6
British Columbia	2,324.7	2,306.4	2,301.5	18.3	23.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.9	7.0	7.3	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.6	11.8	12.2	-0.2	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	11.8	11.5	11.8	0.3	0.0
Nova Scotia	9.3	8.9	9.4	0.4	-0.1
New Brunswick	9.7	9.8	10.6	-0.1	-0.9
Quebec	7.6	7.8	7.7	-0.2	-0.1
Ontario	7.3	7.5	7.7	-0.2	-0.4
Manitoba	5.7	5.3	5.1	0.4	0.6
Saskatchewan	4.5	3.9	3.9	0.6	0.6
Alberta	4.9	4.3	4.9	0.6	0.0
British Columbia	5.8	6.4	7.1	-0.6	-1.3

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.3	5.2	6.8	0.1	-1.5
Halifax	6.6	6.6	6.7	0.0	-0.1
Saint John	7.2	6.3	9.1	0.9	-1.9
Quebec	4.9	4.4	5.3	0.5	-0.4
Montreal	8.6	8.4	8.6	0.2	0.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.6	6.6	6.3	0.0	0.3
Greater Sudbury	7.2	7.0	8.3	0.2	-1.1
Toronto	7.7	7.8	8.2	-0.1	-0.5
Winnipeg	5.7	5.4	5.6	0.3	0.1
Regina	3.9	3.7	3.6	0.2	0.3
Saskatoon	4.6	4.2	3.9	0.4	0.7
Calgary	5.0	4.4	5.1	0.6	-0.1
Edmonton	4.9	4.9	4.4	0.0	0.5
Vancouver	5.8	5.9	7.0	-0.1	-1.2
Victoria	5.4	5.6	5.7	-0.2	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	173.9	173.8	171.9	0.1	2.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.0	50.8	53.3	0.2	-2.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	191.9	192.5	186.8	-0.6	5.1
Yorkton-Melville	38.8	38.9	39.1	-0.1	-0.3
Prince Albert & Northern	95.9	96.1	95.3	-0.2	0.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2014	February 2014	March 2013	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	577.4	575.7	568.6	1.7	8.8
Employed ('000)	552.7	553.0	545.7	-0.3	7.0
Unemployed ('000)	24.7	22.6	22.9	2.1	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	3.9	4.0	0.4	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.9	69.4	0.1	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.2	66.6	-0.1	-0.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	529.9	527.9	521.7	2.0	8.2
Employed ('000)	510.7	510.7	504.5	0.0	6.2
Unemployed ('000)	19.2	17.2	17.1	2.0	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.3	3.3	0.3	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.3	69.8	0.1	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	67.0	67.5	-0.1	-0.6
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	47.5	47.8	46.9	-0.3	0.6
Employed ('000)	42.0	42.4	41.2	-0.4	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.6	5.4	5.7	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	11.4	12.2	0.3	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	65.3	65.2	-0.5	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	57.2	57.9	57.3	-0.7	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	18.5	18.7	18.2	-0.2	0.3
Employed ('000)	15.4	15.5	15.2	-0.1	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.2	3.0	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.7	17.2	16.4	-0.5	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	57.5	58.0	57.6	-0.5	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	47.8	48.1	48.2	-0.3	-0.4
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	28.8	29.0	28.7	-0.2	0.1
Employed ('000)	26.4	26.8	25.9	-0.4	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.2	2.7	0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	7.7	9.6	0.8	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	71.0	71.3	-0.5	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	65.6	64.5	-1.1	0.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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